

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

**WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:**

1-15. (Cancelled)

16. (New) A lining element for the interior of a vehicle, in particular a motor vehicle, a base part;

a surface side facing the interior of the vehicle and suitable for emitting light; and

a translucent covering layer wherein the covering layer is designed to be elastically compressible.

17. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 16, wherein the base part is a light generator.

18. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 17, wherein an elastomer has an at least partially foamed structure.

19. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 18, wherein the gel-like substance is arranged between two plastic films.

20. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 17, wherein the base part comprises at least electroluminescent film organic light-emitting diode and poly light-emitting diode.

21. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 20, wherein the translucent covering layer comprised of an elastomer that is at least one of EPDM, silicone and polyurethane.

22. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 21, wherein the elastomer has a hardness of 20 to 70 Shore A.

23. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 16, wherein the base part is designed as a plate-like optical conductor, which is operationally associated with a light generator.

24. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 23, wherein the optical conductor is comprised of at least one of PMMA and PC, and having a structure allowing an output of light on the surface side of the optical conductor facing the interior.
25. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 16, wherein the covering layer comprises a layer of a gel-like substance covered toward the interior of the vehicle by a plastic film.
26. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 25, wherein the plastic film on the side of the interior has a thickness of 0.1 to 1.5 mm.
27. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 26, wherein the covering element has a thickness overall of 1.0 to 5.0 mm.
28. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 25 wherein the gel-like substance has a dynamic viscosity of 0.01 to 10 Pa·s.
29. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 16, wherein the covering layer is designed to be translucent.
30. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 29, wherein the translucent covering layer has an optical transmissivity in the visible spectral range of 1 to 25%.
31. (New) A lining element comprising:
  - a base part;
  - a surface side facing the interior of the vehicle and suitable for emitting light; and
  - a covering layer.
32. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 31, wherein the covering layer is elastically compressible.
33. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 31, wherein the covering layer is translucent.
34. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 33, wherein the translucent covering layer has an optical transmissivity in the visible spectral range of 5 to 10%.
35. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 33, wherein the translucent covering layer comprises an elastomer comprised of at least partially formed structure.
36. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 35, wherein the elastomer comprises at least one of EPDM, silicone and polyurethane.

37. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 35, wherein the elastomer has a hardness of approximately 40 Shore A.
38. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 31, wherein the covering layer comprises a layer of a gel-like substance covered toward the interior of the vehicle by means of a film.
39. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 38, wherein the film is comprised of plastic.
40. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 38, wherein the gel-like substance has a dynamic viscosity of approximately 0.1 to 1 Pa·s.
41. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 38, wherein the gel-like substance is arranged between two plastic films.
42. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 41, wherein the plastic film has a thickness of approximately 0.5 mm to approximately 1.0 mm.
43. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 31, wherein the covering layer has a thickness overall of approximately 2.0 mm to approximately 3.0 mm.
44. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 31, wherein the base plate is a plate-like optical conductor comprised of at least one of PMMA and PC.
45. (New) The lining element as claimed in claim 31, wherein the base part is a light generator comprised of at least one of electroluminescent film, organic light-emitting diode and poly light-emitting diode.